

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A disassembling tool for pushing a coupling member out of a process cartridge detachably attachable to an image forming apparatus main body,
5 the process cartridge having an electrophotographic photosensitive member, process means for acting on said electrophotographic photosensitive member, a first frame, a second frame and the coupling member for rotatably coupling said first frame and said
10 second frame together, said disassembling tool having:
 - a base body;
 - an engagement portion provided on said base body and adapted to be engaged with said process
15 cartridge to thereby position said process cartridge when said disassembling tool is mounted on said process cartridge;
 - a pushing-out portion provided for movement relative to said base body for pushing out said
20 coupling member; and
 - a grip portion adapted to be gripped when said pushing-out portion is to be moved, and connected to said pushing-out portion;
 - said engagement portion being provided at a
25 location opposed to said pushing-out portion in a movement direction in which said pushing-out portion is moved.

2. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
wherein said pushing-out portion and said grip
portion are connected together by a connecting bar.

5 3. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
wherein said coupling member has a circular cross
section, and said pushing-out portion has a cross
section smaller in diameter than the cross section of
said coupling member.

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4. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
wherein said engagement portion is engaged with a
side of said process cartridge in a lengthwise
direction of a photosensitive drum as said
15 electrophotographic photosensitive member.

5. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
wherein said engagement portion is positioned at the
center of a photosensitive drum as said
20 electrophotographic photosensitive member.

6. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
wherein said pushing-out portion is inserted into the
interior of said process cartridge through an
25 exposure opening portion provided in said process
cartridge for exposing said electrophotographic
photosensitive member to light.

7. A disassembling tool according to Claim 2,
wherein said connecting bar has a level difference
portion for contacting with said base body to thereby
form a gap between said grip portion and said base
5 body when said pushing-out portion is moved in a
direction to push out said coupling member.

8. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
further having a biasing member provided between said
10 pushing-out portion and said base body for biasing
said pushing-out portion and said base body away from
each other.

9. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1,
15 further having a second grip portion connected to
said base body and adapted to be gripped when said
pushing-out portion is to be moved.

10. A disassembling tool according to Claim 9,
20 wherein said base body and said second grip portion
are connected together by a second connecting bar.

11. A disassembling tool for pushing a first
and second coupling member out of a process cartridge
25 detachably attachable to an image forming apparatus
main body, the process cartridge having an
electrophotographic photosensitive member, process

means for acting on said electrophotographic
photosensitive member, a first frame, a second frame,
the first coupling member provided on one end side of
said electrophotographic photosensitive member in a
5 lengthwise direction thereof for rotatably coupling
said first frame and said second frame together, and
the second coupling member provided on the other end
side of said electrophotographic photosensitive
member in the lengthwise direction thereof for
10 rotatably coupling said first frame and said second
frame together, said disassembling tool having:
 a first base body;
 a first engagement portion provided on said
first base body and adapted to be engaged with said
15 process cartridge to thereby position said process
cartridge when said disassembling tool is mounted on
said process cartridge;
 a first pushing-out portion provided for
movement relative to said first base body for pushing
20 out said first coupling member;
 a second base body;
 a second engagement portion provided on said
second base body and adapted to be engaged with said
process cartridge to thereby position said process
25 cartridge when said disassembling tool is mounted on
said process cartridge; and
 a second pushing-out portion provided for

movement relative to said second base body for
pushing out said second coupling member;

5 said first engagement portion being provided at
a location opposed to said first pushing-out portion
in a movement direction in which said first pushing-
out portion is moved, and said second engagement
portion being provided at a location opposed to said
second pushing-out portion in a movement direction in
which said second pushing-out portion is moved.

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12. A disassembling tool according to Claim 11,
wherein said first pushing-out portion is connected
to said second base body, and said second pushing-out
portion is connected to said first base body.

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13. A disassembling tool according to Claim 12,
wherein when said first pushing-out portion is to be
moved, said second base body is gripped to thereby
move said first pushing-out portion, and when said
20 second pushing-out portion is to be moved, said first
base body is gripped to thereby move said second
pushing-out portion.

14. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1
25 or 11, wherein said coupling member or said coupling
members are pushed out from the interior of said
process cartridge to the outside of said process

cartridge by said pushing-out portion or said pushing-out portions.

15. A disassembling tool according to Claim 1
5 or 11, wherein said first frame has a photosensitive drum as said electrophotographic photosensitive member, and said second frame has a developing roller as process means for developing an electrostatic latent image formed on said photosensitive member.